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SUBJECT: EDITORIAL CALLS FOR US SECURITY GUARANTEE FOR BELIZE

1. THE FOLLOWING EDITORIAL APPEARED IN THE MARCH 14 ISSUE OF THE BELIZE TIMES. THE LATTER IS THE UNOFFICIAL MOUTHPIECE OF GOB, HENCE, THIS EDITORIAL CAN BE ASSUMED TO BE NOT INCONSISTENT WITH THE VIEWS OF THE PRICE GOVERNMENT:

"WHY NOT A SECURITY GUARANTEE FOR BELIZE?

"RIGHT THINKING BELIZEANS BEGIN TO ASK THEMSELVES WHY DOES NOT THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA GIVE A SECURITY GUARANTEE TO THE PEOPLE OF BELIZE AGAINST ANY KIND OF ATTACK ON THEIR SOVEREIGNTY AND TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY, SINCE THE RICHEST AND MOST POWERFUL COUNTRY IN THE WORLD IS GIVING GUARANTEES TO ALL THE NATIONS OF THE AMERICAS AGAINST CUBA AND MOST RECENTLY TO RHODESIA AGAINST THE CUBAN MILITARY FORCES IN ANGOLA.

"LAST MONTH THE US SECRETARY OF STATE, DOCTOR HENRY KISSINGER, VISITED SIX COUNTRIES IN THE AMERICAS AND HIS MESSAGE TO THEM WAS THAT THE UNITED STATES WOULD NOT ALLOW A CUBAN MILITARY INTERFERENCE IN THE COUNTRIES OF THE WESTERN HEMISPHERE. THIS COMMIT-

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MENT WAS BACKED UP BY THE U. S. PRESIDENT WHO MADE A PUBLIC

DECLARATION TO THE SAME EFFECT.

"SUCH A SECURITY GUARANTEE AGAINST CUBAN AGGRESSION OR PENETRATION SHOULD BE WELCOME TO THE GOVERNMENT OF GUATEMALA WHICH HAS OPPOSED THE INDEPENDENCE OF BELIZE ON THE GROUNDS THAT AN INDEPENDENT BELIZE WOULD BE THE GATEWAY FOR A CUBAN AGGRESSION AGAINST GUATEMALA. GUATEMALA FEARS THIS RETALIATION BY CUBA BECAUSE GUATEMALA WAS ONCE USED AS THE LAUNCHING STAGE FOR THE INVASION OF CUBA IN 1962 KNOWN AS THE BAY OF PIGS MILITARY EXPEDITION.

"IN ADDITION TO THESE GUARANTEES, THE UNITED STATES HAS ALSO GIVEN GUARANTEE TO THE WHITE GOVERNMENT OF RHODESIA WHICH PROTECTS THEM AGAINST THE BLACK MAJORITIES OF AFRICA. RHODESIA AND GUATEMALA ARE CONSIDERED WHITE GOVERNMENTS IN THE EYES OF SOME AND SO A LOGICAL CONCLUSION IS THAT THE UNITED STATES IS PROTECTING COUNTRIES THAT ARE CONSIDERED WHITE AGAINST COUNTRIES THAT ARE CONSIDERED BLACK.

"IN TERMS OF THE THIRD WORLD ALL COUNTRIES THAT ARE NOT WHITE OR NOT OF CAUCASION ORIGIN ARE TERMED BLACK; AND SO, IN THESE TERMS MOST THIRD WORLD COUNTRIES ARE TERMED BLACK INCLUDING BELIZE.

"WHEN ONE TAKES INTO ACCOUNT THE ABOVE CIRCUMSTANCES, ONE IS LED TO CONCLUDE THAT THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA GIVES GUATEMALA A SECURITY AGAINST CUBA BECAUSE GUATEMALA IS CONSIDERED TO BE AMONG THE WHITE COUNTRIES OF THE WORLD; BUT THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA WILL NOT GIVE A SIMILAR GUARANTEE TO BELIZE AGAINST GUATEMALAN THREATENING AGGRESSION BECAUSE BELIZE IS CONSIDERED TO BE AMONG THE BLACK COUNTRIES OF THE THIRD WORLD.

"AS MUCH AS ONE ENDEAVOURS TO EXCLUDE RACIAL ELEMENTS AND OVERTONES IN INTERNATIONAL POLITICS SINCE THE HUMAN RACE IS ONE, THE EVIDENCE STRONGLY POINTS TO RACISM IN THE POLITICS OF THE U. S. A."

2. THIS EDITORIAL APPEARS TO BE RELATED TO REQUEST PUT TO ME BY GOVERNOR POSNETT LAST WEEK (REF GAWF-GOWEN TELECONS). I INTEND TO TELL HIM I HAVE BEEN INFORMED BY DEPARTMENT THAT U.S. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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HAS GIVEN NO GUARANTEE TO RHODESIAN GOVERNMENT, BUT IT WOULD STILL BE HELPFUL IF I COULD KNOW WHAT, PRECISELY, THE PRESIDENT SAID ABOUT RHODESIA.
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